A.)   AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-15 (cancelled).

16. (currently amended) A method for event routing in a network, ~~the network~~
comprising more than one node, the method comprising:

                    assigning a node to a user;

                    storing user data only on the node assigned to the user;

    a.   receiving a ~~node selection~~ request from the user;

    b.   parsing the request to obtain ~~necessary~~ values therefrom ~~from the request~~;

                    determining whether the node can handle an event corresponding to the
request based on the values, and when the node can not handle the event:

        c.   identifying a plurality of nodes capable of handling the event based
on the values;

        d.   ~~determine~~ determining node usage of ~~the existing~~ the plurality of
nodes ~~in the network~~ ; ~~and~~

        e.   selecting ~~the~~ an appropriate node from the plurality of nodes for
~~performing~~ handling the event, based on the node usage; and ~~thereon~~

                    copying applications and the user data from the node assigned to
the user to the appropriate node, after which the appropriate node handles the request.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the plurality of nodes capable
of handling the event are identified by comparing a module type value in the ~~parsed message~~
request to a node lookup table, ~~said node lookup table~~ located on the network.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the node usage ~~of the existing~~
~~nodes in the network~~ is determined by ranking the ~~identified~~ plurality of nodes in accordance
with usage statistics in a resource usage list.

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19. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the appropriate node for performing the event thereon is selected based on a least-used node algorithm.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the appropriate node for performing the event thereon is selected based on an algorithm for determining a least-used node for an anticipated time of use algorithm.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the appropriate node for performing the event thereon is selected based on an algorithm for determining a node most capable of performing the event algorithm.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the message request is parsed to obtain values to of a plurality of fields for making comparison to data stored in the node lookup list and the resource usage list.

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